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REMARKS

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1. The following vehicular traffic from and to Letzling Heath was observed in Doebelin:
15 April: [redacted] 7 trucks

Stendal.

came from the direction of

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16 April: 9 trucks with billeting equipment

and another 5 trucks

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from Stendal.

came

18 April: 4 trucks

drove to Stendal.

At 7:30 a.m. on 24 April, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and gas masks marched toward Letzling Heath from Stendal.

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2. During the time from 21 April to 2 May, no troops were engaged in training in the southern section of the Schweinrich training area. Timber was daily hauled to, and processed at, the Gadow sawmill. A lieutenant colonel, allegedly the commandant of the troops at Schweinrich, was mostly seen at the sawmill. The timber was hauled to the Dossow railroad station on trucks [redacted]

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3. At 8:30 p.m. on 7 May, a column of 30 to 35 trucks carrying about 120 soldiers and beams and planks was seen in Rehbruecke, coming from the direction of Potsdam.

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1. Comment. Most of the motor vehicles involved belonged to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. They are believed to have predominantly been used for the transfer of units of the division from Stendal to the camp in the woods southeast of Jasvanitz.

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2. Comment. The units of the 18th Mecz Div are probably still engaged in preparing their quarters. The timber was hauled by trucks of the division and by air force trucks.

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3. Comment. [redacted] the column probably belongs to the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFU [redacted] is

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assumed to have started transferring from Potsdam to Kummersdorf at the end of April and the beginning of May.  °

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